

A **61 year old male** employee was fatally injured when his **foot became lodged under the dash** of his truck as he put it in reverse before sitting fully on the seat subsequently falling and being dragged by the truck.

Through interviews it was determined that two employees for Civil Constructors LLC were at the jobsite to look at upcoming work that needed to be done. The employees had their trucks parked side by side in front of the construction gate. They were talking in front of their trucks with the Superintendent. The Superintendent told them to come to the job site trailer to look at the construction plans. One employee went to his truck to turn it off and lock it. The victim went to his truck on the right side of the other's truck. It was not exactly clear what his plan was; however, it was likely that he was going to back his truck up out of the way, as he was parked in front of the entrance to the construction site.

A laborer from a different contractor was sitting in his truck, on break, to the right of the victim's truck. He stated that he saw the victim's truck moving backwards with the driver door open and no one in the driver's seat. He went around to the driver's side of the victim's truck and saw victim being dragged by his truck on his stomach with his right foot caught under the dash. The laborer was able to stop the truck and put the truck in park. They were unable to get the victim's foot out from under the dash and he became unconscious. He passed away at the scene.

The CSHO obtained video surveillance of the accident from the building next to the job site. It was determined that the victim did not sit down in the seat of the truck. However, the victim's right foot was in the truck cab. At some point the victim was able to put the truck into gear with his left foot still on the ground before it started rolling backwards. As the truck was rolling backwards, the victim fell and was dragged on his stomach by the truck with his right foot caught under the dash.

The CSHO did not find any maintenance issues with the truck. The CSHO was able to determine that the brakes have to be engaged in order to put the truck in gear.

Citation(s) as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

No citations issued as a result of this investigation.

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This photo shows the victim's truck driver's side door open. The red arrow indicates where his foot was caught under the dash.



This photo shows where the two employees' trucks were parked. The red line indicates where the Utility Manager's truck was approximately located. The blue line indicates where the victim's truck was approximately located (before the accident). It also shows the gates that go into the construction site. In this picture, at the time of the incident, the laborer's truck was located where the WSMV van is shown.



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This photo was received by the General Contractor. This photo shows where the victim's truck ended up (red arrow). The red square indicates where the victim's left shoe fell off. The blue arrow indicates the Utility Manager's truck.



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